

# St. William Parish

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**November 21, 2021 ~ Christ the King**



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ our King and end another liturgical year in the Church. This feast commemorates an aspect of Jesus's identity rather than an event of his life, but nonetheless, it is a feast of significant importance in the Church. Today's gospel focuses on the otherworldly aspect of Christ's kingship. Jesus is arrested by his own people but the chief priests are not able to put him to death, since executions are under the discretion of their Roman oppressors. For this reason, Jesus is brought to Pontius Pilate. His captors tell Pilate that Jesus poses a threat to Caesar, given that he has proclaimed himself "King of the Jews." Just as Pilate does in today's gospel, we are called to consider the identity of Jesus. In his life, death, and resurrection Jesus gives us a contradictory portrait of kingship. As king of the universe, he controls the winds and waves, heals illnesses, multiplies bread and fish, and casts out demons. And yet, this same king is born among animals, placed in a manger, and then is given a criminal's death on the cross. He lives an ordinary life in Nazareth and then begins his public ministry. Contradictory to our ordinary perception of kingship, Jesus does not demand special treatment. His kingship is one of service and the self-gift of his life to the world. Our understanding of Jesus affects every aspect of how we live our lives. We worship Jesus, the king of the universe, who humbled himself to die on a cross and rose in glory three days later. Let us always proclaim the truth of who he is with every word we speak and action we undertake.

Next week we begin the holy season of Advent and our preparation to celebrate the coming of Christ and commemorate his birth among us. Our Advent theme this year is *"Together We Wait."* In the midst of the many challenges we face, perhaps our strongest is our waiting for the pandemic to end. As we begin to prepare for the upcoming holiday season, culminating in remembering the coming of Christ into our world, *"together we wait"* patient and expectedly. In this season of anticipation and preparation may our hearts become filled with the wonders of love, joy, and hope!

It is hard to believe that this week we begin another holiday season. I remain most thankful and grateful for the ongoing support and kindness you have shown to the Church, our parish, and to me over the past year. I hope you will consider starting your holiday by joining us at Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. as we gather to offer thanks to God for all that he has given to us. All of you will be remembered in a special way at Mass Thanksgiving morning.

This weekend we kick-off our campaign to renovate and replace our current parking lot. It is hoped to complete this project in Summer 2022. In the mail you will receive detailed information about the scope and cost of this project along with an appeal to help fund this endeavor. I would ask that you please read the information, pray about it, and respond to the best of your ability. Together we can make this dream a reality by contributing to the legacy of those who have gone before us and ensuring the future for those who come after us. Your generosity over the years has been overwhelming and kind. It is my hope that this kindness will continue as we begin this exciting and historic project for our parish. Thank you for your kind consideration.

*Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ November 21-28, 2021 ~  
Christ the King

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON MOONEY**/ Mary Pytlik  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ St. William Women's Guild  
11:00 a.m. † **ELEANOR POLAND**/ Roxann Geleski

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. ♥ **JACQUELYNN BROWN**/ Judy Makosky  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY**/ Theresa Craiger  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**/ Thanksgiving  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **NO MASS**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DARLENE SAIT**/ Hysen Sait  
11:00 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK**/ Mary Pytlik

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ November 28, 2021 ~  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

*The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah...*

**1 Thessalonians 3: 12—4:2**

*Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all...*

**Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

*Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on earth..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

November 27/28, 2021

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_,  
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_,

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_,  
8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Jeanette Jaskiewicz

**Sign-Up In Vestibule**



**Christmas Ca\$h Tickets!!!  
The Winning Starts This Week!**



Our first drawing for our Christmas Cash Raffle is this coming week on Thanksgiving morning, November 25!!! It is still not too late to take a chance to win some *CASH* just in time for holiday shopping. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance to win 12 prizes of \$30.00 and the grand prize of \$500.00. Drawings begin on Thanksgiving Day and continue every other day until December 17<sup>th</sup>. Grand Prize drawing will be on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>...just in time for Christmas! **Top Seller deadline is TODAY** – be the top seller of tickets and win 5 FREE TICKETS!!! **GOOD LUCK!!!!**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!**



Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree is located in the vestibule. Each tag has several gift suggestions...*only one gift is to be purchased*. **The gifts are due back by December 12. Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag.** Our parish has always responded very well to this Christmas activity and hopefully the same will be true this year. *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*

**SAVE THE DATE**

St. William Parish Christmas Craft Show  
Saturday, December 11, 2021  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Ethnic Foods Available



**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**  
**Thirtieth-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)*

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 14, 2021 (WK 20)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 8,275.00*	\$ 143,234.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 145,380.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 1,006.00	\$ (2,146.00)
<b>Performance</b>	114%	99%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,070.00 LAST WK — \$ 16,595.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 205 out of 531  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (8 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#181 drawn on 11/17/2021  
**!!NO WINNER!!**  
Amount: \$817.00



†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Vivian Flamini**

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for submitted materials to be included in the Thanksgiving weekend (Nov 27/28) bulletin is Monday, November 22.

## HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## 2022 PARISH CALENDARS

2022 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Memorial Chapel for providing our parish calendars once again this year.

*Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...*

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD!

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Start your holiday on Thanksgiving Day morning by joining us for Mass at **8:30 a.m.** as we give thanks and praise to God for the goodness and blessings of this life.

### “Together We Wait Advent Evening Prayer” ~ Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

This year our Advent theme is “TOGETHER WE WAIT.” To help usher in our season of Advent you are invited to join us at our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this special time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for a Christ-filled Christmas holiday as “together we wait” for the coming of our Lord.

## IMPORTANT! UPDATES

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

Beginning in December we will return to scheduling Liturgical Ministers for Mass each weekend (*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers*). If you are a liturgical minister and **DO NOT** want to be scheduled please CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE by November 20 otherwise it will be assumed that you want to be included on the new schedule.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Out of Town? Temporarily? Seasonally? Are you a Snowbird? Remember to let the Parish Office know ahead of time. We can send mail directly to a temporary or seasonal address. Mail returned to us incurs a hefty charge and some types of mail cannot be forwarded. Help keep our costs down by letting us know your address changes!

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 23 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Nov 23 ~ Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Nov 24 ~ Parish Office Closes at 2:30 p.m.

Nov 25 ~ Happy Thanksgiving!!

Nov 25 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:30 a.m.

Nov 25 ~ Parish Office Closed

Nov 25 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #1

Nov 26 ~ Parish Office Closed

Nov 27 ~ Rene’s Closet 9:00 a.m.

Nov 27 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #2

Nov 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent



*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### No December Meeting!

Kolachi Bake: December 1, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Prep Work - 8:00 am

Rolling - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Baking - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wrapping 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Nut, Apricot, Poppy Kolachi - \$10 each**

Available for pick-up from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

*Many hands make for light work, please join us if you can spare a couple hours.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



### Next Meeting:

*Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.*

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at [www.knights7491.org](http://www.knights7491.org)

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today’s is the annual collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generosity.

## BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



## PARISH FAMILY DINNER

In the spirit of 'Power Up→Reconnect,' the Women's Guild invites all Parishioners to the Parish Family Dinner taking place at 12:00 noon on December 5, 2021 in the Social Hall. Begin the Holiday Season by sharing a delicious meal while catching up with old friends or getting to know new ones. Santa is expected to make a visit! To have an idea of how much food to prepare, please use the signup sheets in the vestibule.



## Golden Agers/NAIM Club Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 7 at 12:20 p.m.  
Enzo's Restaurant ~ \$23.00 includes tax & tip  
Reservations and money due no later than November 29. Put name, number of reservations, and money in envelope marked "Golden Agers" in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. Call Bob Kane for more information 330-307-6249.



## ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up today. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church)

175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, December 3 and January 14. Two varieties will be offered: potato and cheese, and sweet cabbage. The cost is \$7.00/dozen Haluski (cabbage and noodles) \$4.00 quart bag. We will be taking orders for our kolachi sale to be held on December 10. We offer: nut, apricot, poppyseed, and lekvar (prune). Cost is \$10 each. Advanced orders can be placed by calling 330-393-0781 on Monday and Tuesday. Please leave name and number with order. Pick up is Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

## St. William Parish Community Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form  
 Moving out of the parish  
 Change of address / phone number

*Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!*

## ~Contact~

**Church Office** 330-847-8677

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**Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor

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**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director

**Carol Timko**, Religious Education

**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager

**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager

**Chuck Poponak**, Maintenance Manager

## ~Celebrate~

### Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation,  
Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy  
Orders** ~ Contact the Parish Office.

## ~Christian Formation~

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m.

### Adult and Teen Enrichment

Offered throughout the year. Consult the bulletin.

### John F. Kennedy Catholic School

[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

## ~Service~

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration, Hall Rental/Catering, and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday 12:00 noon